

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
FEBRUARY 20, 2001
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kit Smith, Chair; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr., Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Joan Brady, Paul Livingston, Joseph McEachern, J.D. "Buddy" Meetze, Anthony G. Mizzell, Bernice G. Scott, Thelma M. Tillis, James Tuten

OTHER MEMBERS: T. Cary McSwain, Michielle Cannon-Finch, Brad Farrar, Amelia Linder, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Monique Walters, Ash Miller, Mullen Taylor, Pam Davis, Stephany Snowden, Marsheika Martin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 6:10 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable Jim Tuten.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Ms. Brady moved, seconded by Mr. Mizzell, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

Mr. Brad Farrar, Deputy Attorney, stated there were no items on the agenda to be discussed in Executive Session.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. Employee Grievance

Mr. McSwain stated if there were any questions or discussion regarding this grievance it would need to be discussed in Executive Session. He recommended upholding his recommendation.

Ms. Scott requested for this item to be discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Smith stated this item would be moved to the end of the agenda as item-8 and renumber the agenda thereafter.

OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM

Ms. Smith stated there was one item for public hearing, item 2-a (Approval of an Ordinance authorizing a Development Agreement between Richland County and Village at Sandhill, LLC, and other matters related thereto).

She stated there were 14 persons signed up to speak to this item.

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The following persons spoke in favor of this item: Ms. Val Hutchinson, Ms. Robin J. White, Mr. Robert F. Fuller, Mr. Gene Dinkins, Mr. Alan Kahn

The following persons spoke in opposition of this item: Ms. Bonny Randle, Mr. Gil Altman, Ms. Hope Altman, Mr. Jim Lawrence, Mr. Ronald J. Port, Mr. Cliff, Wood, Mr. Yancey McLeod, Mr. Michael Letts

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- 1-b.01-14MA, Sheila Barnette for Jasper Nelums, From D-1 to C-3, 05004-02-21, 716 Kennerly Road – [Third Reading]
- 1-c.01-24MA, Joe Clark for Doris Barnwell and Theresa Boney, From RU to PDD, 20300-04-14 and 15, Lee Road – [Third Reading]
- 1-d.01-32MA, Allen Watson, From RU to M-1, 15100-08-20, 10645 Wilson Blvd - Third Reading – [Third Reading]
- 1-e.01-35MA, Harold Pickrel for South Carolina Future Farmers, From C-3 to M-1, 19810-01-05, Alpine Road – [Third Reading]
- 1-f. 01-36MA, John T. Bakhaus for Harvey G. Moore, From D-1 to M-1, 17600-01-12(P), Farrow Road – [Third Reading]
- 1-g. An Ordinance amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 20, Planning; Article IV, Interim Zoning and Land Development; Section 20-41, Evaluation and Recommendations; So as to amend the required time period for reviews-[Third Reading]

1. THIRD READING ITEMS

- A. 01-26MA, Alan B. Kahn, Clemson University, From C-1 to RG-2 and C-3, 23000-02-02(P)**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to defer this item until March 7th for further study. The vote was as follows:

<u>In favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Brady	Scott
Livingston	Tillis
Mizzell	
Pearce	
Smith	
McEachern	
Brill	
Tuten	
Tillis	

The motion passed.

2. SECOND READING ITEM

- A. Approval of an ordinance authorizing a Development Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and Village at Sandhill, LLC, and other matters related thereto**

Ms. Brill moved, seconded by Ms. Brady, to defer this item until March 7th for further with the legal staff. The vote was as follows:

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Brady	Livingston
Pearce	Mizzell
Smith	Meetze
McEachern	Scott
Brill	Tillis
Tuten	

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**3. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
(FORWARDED FROM SPECIAL CALLED MEETING)**

a. Convention Center

Mr. McEachern stated the Committee recommended approval of this agreement in conjunction with, but not subject to, the execution of the Township agreement.

Mr. McSwain explained the details of the funding agreement.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Pearce requested to see the agreement from the City.

Ms. Smith stated the Convention Center matter only requires one vote; however, the ordinance states it would require three readings to release the funds. She instructed staff to verify this information.

Council proceeded to review the agreement.

Ms. Scott made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to defer approval of the amended agreement until March 7th and requested for staff to address questions and concerns raised during Council's discussion.

Council requested the following information from staff:

- What is the definition of what constitutes a surplus?
- Explain cost recovery.
- Clarify language on Page 8 of the agreement at 6.1 sub. 3
- Clarify 6.2 on Page 8; A formula on what reasonable reserves for future operating expenses.

Ms. Scott requested for staff to get concerns from both Richland and Lexington Counties before the next meeting.

The vote was in favor of the substitute motion to defer. Mr. Livingston opposed.

4. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

a. Code Enforcement officer Appointment/Commission – Curtis S. Bennett

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to approve the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

**5. REPORT OF RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (items deferred from
2/6/01 meeting)**

a. Appointment to the Historic Columbia Foundation

Mr. Livingston stated there was one appointment to be made to this board with one application received. The committee recommended appointing **Suzann Fair Sox** to the board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Appointment to the Planning Commission

Mr. Livingston stated there was one appointment to be made to this board with two applications received.

The vote was as follows:

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Franklin R. Dubose
Livingston
Mizzell
Smith
Scott
Tillis

Eugene C. Green
Brady
Meetze
Pearce
McEachern
Brill
Tuten

Mr. Eugene C. Green was appointed to the board.

6. MOTION PERIOD/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Smith requested consideration of a Resolution commending a citizen for his volunteer work.
- Mr. Pearce reminded Council of the SCAC legislative reception held on February 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Mr. Meetze requested that Council discuss during A&F Committee the issue of appropriate parameters for Council Member direction to staff, and clarify whether staff should take direction from full Council only.
- Ms. Smith announced that she is attending a Disaster Preparedness training in Berryville, Virginia, April 9-13th, and asked other Council Members if they were interested in attending. Mr. Meetze volunteered to attend

7. CITIZEN'S INPUT

Ms. Smith stated no one signed up to speak at this time.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION
ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Scott moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Council went into Executive Session at approximately 7:47 p.m. and came out at approximately 8:17 p.m.

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to come out of Executive Session. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Personnel Matter: Employee Grievance

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Tuten, to uphold the Administrator's recommendation.

Mr. Mizzell made a substitute motion, seconded by Ms. Scott, to request that staff follow the County Ordinance that is in place and uphold the recommendations discussed in Executive Session given by legal staff, but to give guidance and assistance to any individuals related to rehab and moving them somewhere else in the County. The vote was in favor. Mr. Tuten and Mr. Meetze opposed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin